In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Currently amended) Method for transmitting additional information when using a method for compressing data by way of a prioritizing pixel transmission, wherein the compressed data comprise individual pixel groups, with each pixel group having a position value within an image array and at least one pixel value, comprising the steps of: wherein the defining a minimal size of the image array is defined by [[the]] a height h and [[the]] $\underline{\mathbf{a}}$ width b of an image, expressed in pixels, and wherein in the transmission of transmitting the data and the additional information, wherein the additional information is placed at position values are used that do not occur in the actual data, but are and is located instead outside an area the range of the image array.
- 2. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein the additional information has a position value of height h x width b of the image array +k.
- 3. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein the additional information is transmitted in the form of textures.
- 4. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein the additional information is provided and transmitted in compressed form.
- 5. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein the additional information is identified as being associated with a certain document format.
- 6. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein the additional information comprises a header that includes the properties of the texture and optionally one or more of fields Response to Office Action of October 16, 2007

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of document format of the texture, position of the texture in the image/video array, size of the texture in the array, number of bytes required for transmission, part of the total texture, if the total texture must be subdivided into several parts due to its size and additional fields for additional use.

- 7. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein priorities are assigned to the additional information depending on its content-related relevance, its temporal relevance or its device-dependent relevance.
- 8. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein the additional information is transmitted in descending order of its priority.
- 9. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein the additional information is recognized in the receiver based on its specific position values.
- 10. (New) A method for transmitting image data and additional information by prioritized transmission of compressed image data, comprising the steps of: defining a minimal size of an image array by a height h and a width b, expressed in pixels, arranging the image data in pixel groups, with each pixel group having a commonly assigned prioritization level and a position value within the image array and at least one pixel value, arranging the additional information at position values of the image array that are not assigned to the pixel groups,

compressing the image array containing both the image data of the pixel groups and the additional information, and

transmitting the compressed image array by prioritized transmission from a transmitter to a receiver.

11. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein a predefined number of the position values for the additional information are located outside the minimally sized image array.

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- 12. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein a position value indicating the predefined number located outside the minimally sized image array is transmitted from the transmitter to the receiver.
- 13. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein transmission of the position value indicates to the receiver that a texture is included.
- 14. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein transmission of the position value indicates to the receiver that additional information is included.